

NO SCHEME PERFECT.

It has been remarked that some of the Municipalities did not receive as much benefit from the road as did others. In reply I can only say, that no man can perfect a scheme so that it will be purely and literally equitable to all. I remember, during the discussions which took place upon the introduction of the penny postage stamp into Britain, that an Edinburgh man was heard to raise great objections to it because he had to pay as much for a letter coming from Glasgow as he had when he got one from John O'Groat's. The great aim to keep in view is to make a scheme as near perfection as possible.

EXTENSIONS.

Reference also has been made to extensions. You, Mr. Mayor, have heard to-day a deputation from Walkerton eloquently pleading for an extension of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway to that town. I might, if I indulged in pride, feel a satisfaction in seeing my old friend, Mr. Shaw, pleading so eloquently for the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway here to-day. I remember, sir, when it required all the courage I could muster to put in an official appearance in Walkerton on behalf of my Company, so great was the contempt in which we narrow gaugers were held in that town. You had also a deputation before you to-day from Kincardine, asking and pleading for the extension of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway to that thriving town; also one from Wingham, solicitous to have us extend our line there. It is certainly to me a matter of great gratification to see here to-day all those gentlemen whom I have met years ago, most of them in former days opposed more or less to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway. With reference to those proposed extensions, you have probably wisely ruled against their discussion at this meeting. My chief object here to-day is to see if I cannot develop a scheme to perfect and complete and thoroughly equip the original stem of the line. Of course I am not insensible to the advantage of these extensions, and as soon as there appears a reasonable prospect of the present Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway being placed in the position of a first-class road I shall be glad then to take up the question of extensions, knowing that some of them must ultimately be built; but I think, Sir, that until